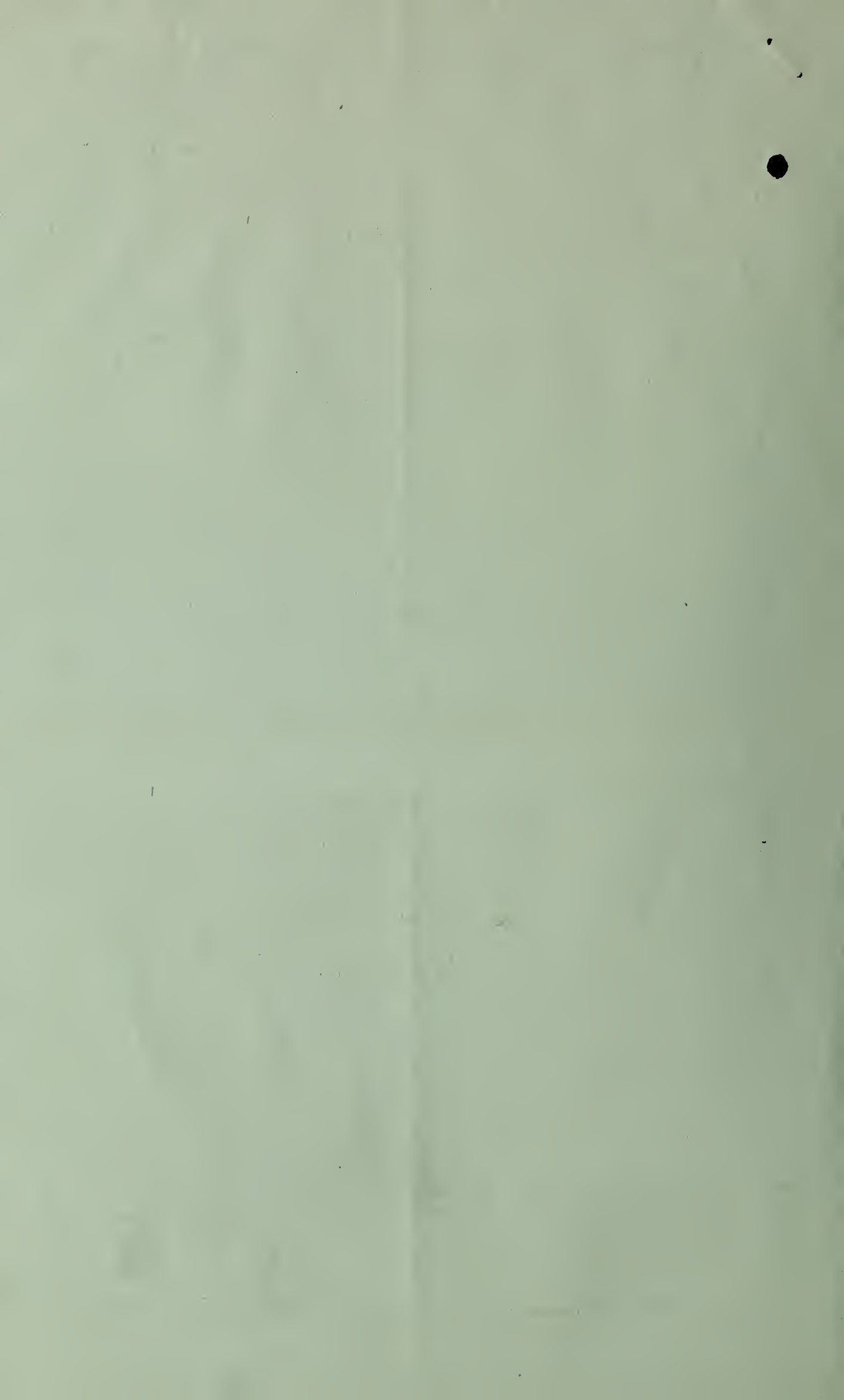


The
URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL
of
BEDWELLY.

REPORT
of
the
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
and
CHIEF SANITARY INSPECTOR
for
the
YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1944



MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH'S REPORT
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"Bodlondob",

New Tredegar, Mon.

14th September, 1945.

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE
BEDWELLTY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Councillor Mrs Robson and Gentlemen,

I herewith submit for your consideration my ANNUAL REPORT for the year 1944, which is in conformity with a Circular issued by the Welsh Board of Health.

VITAL STATISTICS
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Area (in acres)	7,355
No. of inhabited houses.	6,057
Rateable Value	£95,575
Sum represented by a ponny rate	£332
Population	28,350 (Made up as follows)
New Tredegar, Cwmsyfiog and Phillipstown	6,250
Aberbargoed	4,500
Cefn fforest (Including Greenwood Rd, Aldison Str., Twynyffald Rd and Britannia).....	4,825
Pengan and Fleur-de-lis	3,425
Blackwood	5,100
Argoed	1,900
Markham	1,900
Hollybush	450

GENERAL CONDITIONS.

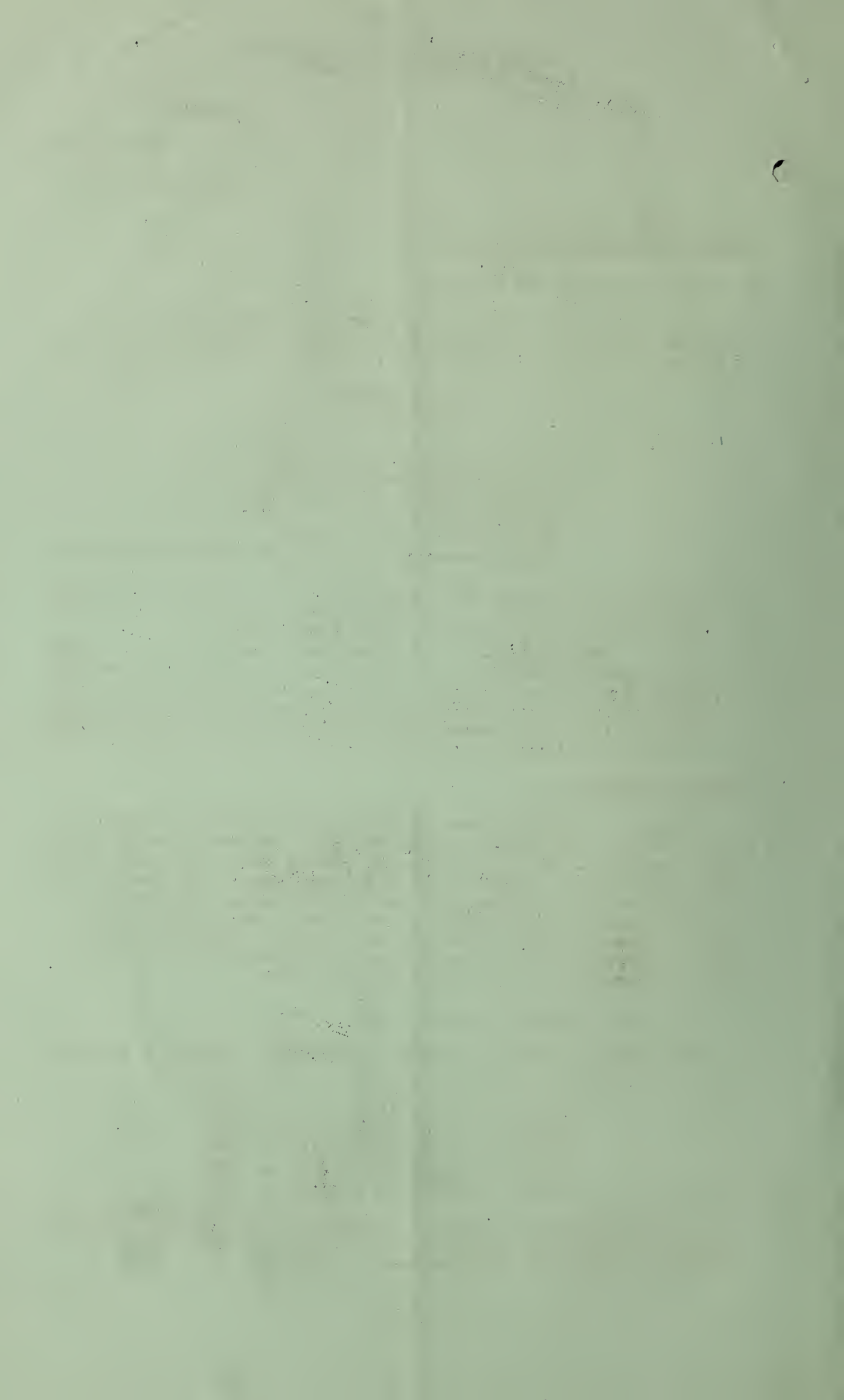
Conditions during 1944 were similar to most of other war years. The collieries were working regularly but the number of people leaving through dust affections is gradually increasing, and the time has now arrived when other light suitable industries should be established. These men are unable to obtain work on the surface, and to leave home causes domestic worry, besides making the Urban District poorer in man power. Overcrowding is still prevalent, and many new houses are required. Beside many of the houses, especially in the upper part of the valleys are in a bad state due to subsidence and are in urgent need of repair.

The number of live births was - 693

The number of births for the five years 1940 - 1944 was as follows:-

	Males	Females
1940	313	297
1941	338	320
1942	302	285
1943	364	304
1944	350	343

The birth rate per 1,000 per population = 24.44 compared with that of England and Wales 17.6 and the County of Monmouth of 19.8. This is the it has been during the past five years.



The live births were:-

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females.</u>
Legitimate	335	322
Illegitimate	15	21

The percentage of illegitimate to legitimate = ~~4.4~~ 5.4

The still births were:-

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females.</u>
Legitimate	17	16
Illegitimate	-	-

Total = 33

The still birth rate is 1.16 per 1,000 of the population which is higher than that for England and Wales being 0.5 per 1,000 of the population, this also applies to the County of Monmouth which is .77 per 1,000 per population

The still birth rate being so high, is due in a large measure to mothers having large families and it is interesting that there were no deaths among the illegitimates, most of which were first pregnancies.

MONTHLY BIRTHS OF MALES AND FEMALES.

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Month	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Total
January	22	25			
February	24	32	82	92	174
March	36	35			
April	31	29			
May	26	28	97	84	181
June	40	27			
July	31	28			
August	25	27	85	86	171
September	29	31			
October	29	31			
November	29	24	86	81	167
December	28	26			
Totals	350	343	350	343	693

DEATHS

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The number of deaths during 1944 was 283. The death rate being 10.15 compared with that of England and Wales of 11.6 per 1,000 of the population, and the County of 11.29 per 1,000 of the population. This is the lowest death rate in this Urban District. Considering this is an industrial district, it shows that the health of the community is very good.

PUERPERAL PYREXIA (MATERNAL MORTALITY)

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There was one death during the year from a, Cachexia, b, puerperal septicaemia

Number of cases notified of puerperal pyrexia = 1.

Maternal Mortality.

	<u>Puerperal Infections</u>	<u>Others</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Bedwellty maternal mortality			
per 1000 total births (live & still)	1.37	-	1.37
England & Wales	0.28	1.25	1.53
County of Monmouth	0.47	1.87	2.34.

During 1944 there was one maternal death due to puerperal sepsis compared with no deaths for the past 3 years but the maternal mortality rate (total) for this area is still below that of England & Wales, and the County of Monmouth.

DEATH RATE OF INFANTS UNDER ONE YEAR OF AGE.

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Under one week	15
One week to two weeks	1
Two weeks to three weeks	1
Three weeks to four weeks	5
Total under one month	22
One month to three months	6
Three months to six months	5
Six months to nine months	7
Nine months to twelve months	2
Total one month to twelve months	20
Total under one year	42

INFANTILE MORTALITY

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The infantile mortality rate per 1,000 births is 60.6. This is markedly higher than England & Wales at 46.0, and the County of Monmouth with a rate of 52.33 per 1,000 births and compares rather unfavourably with the rate of 1943 which was 41.8 per 1,000 live births. From the above table it will be seen that 15 died during the first week and 22 during the first four weeks. Of these 22 deaths, 18 were certified as debility and prematurity. Many of these infants could be saved provided they were cared for in suitable nurseries under skilled supervision. Most of these homes are unsuitable for nursing premature weakly infants, beside the working mother has neither the time nor facilities for such nursing.

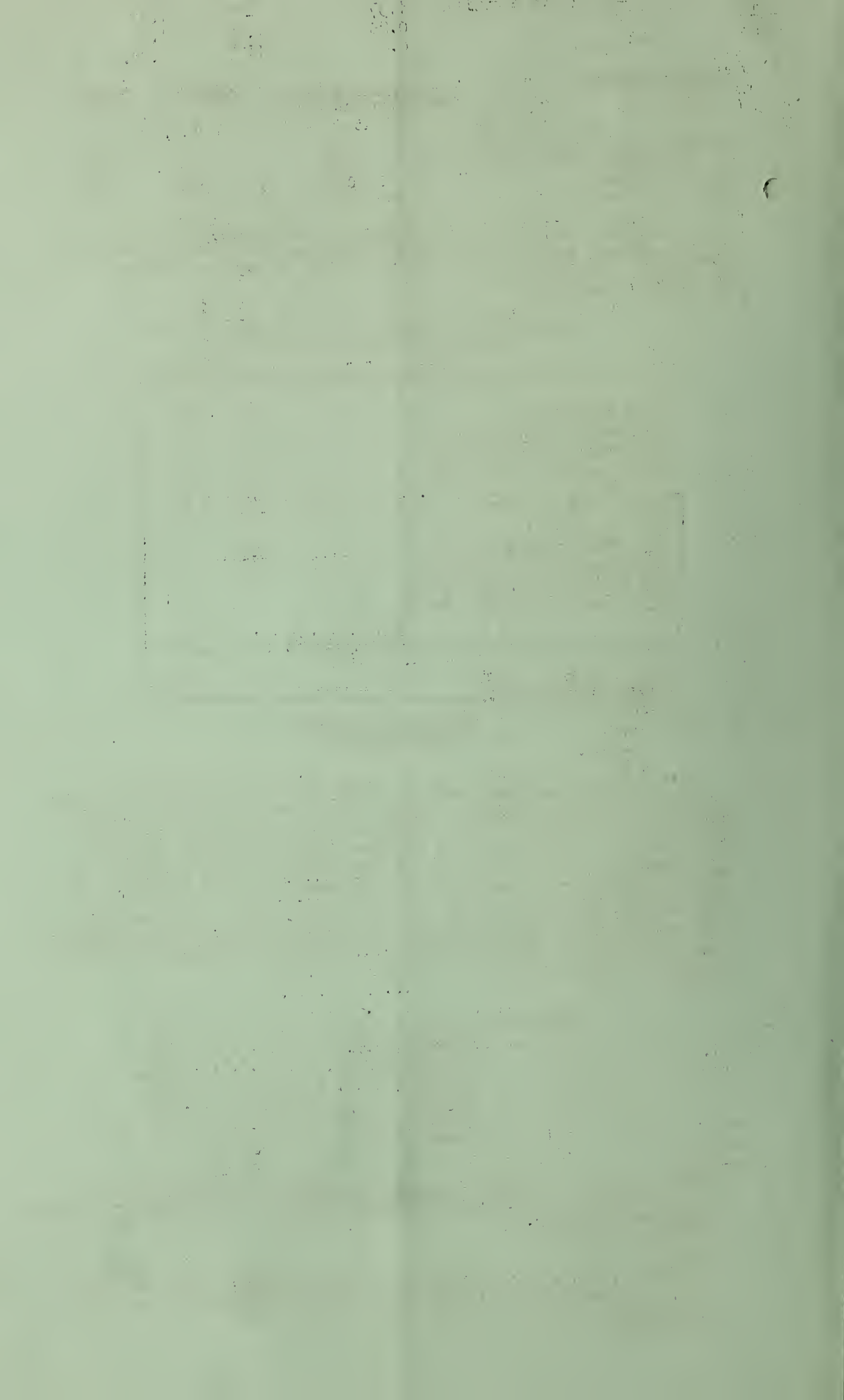
Deaths from cancer	25
" " scarlet fever	1
" " diphtheria	0
" " whooping cough	0
" " measles	0
" " diarrhoea under 2 years	6
" " tuberculosis	17

CANCER

The number of deaths from cancer is higher than 1943 when the figure was 21. There is still inadequate hospital accomodation for persons suffering from cancer.

SILICOSIS

Three deaths were notified during the year, each case being complicated; one with pneumonia, one with tuberculosis and one with heart failure



Since pneumoconiosis became an industrial disease, many miners have been certified as unfit for underground employment but fit for surface work and are unable to obtain employment at the collieries. They have had to seek employment elsewhere, mostly in the munition factories. When this type of employment is finished, there is no other undertaking in this area suitable for them.

MONTHLY DEATHS OF MALES AND FEMALES.

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Month	Males	Females	Total.
January	16	7	23
February	17	17	34
March	15	13	28
April	14	8	22
May	18	8	26
June	14	14	28
July	13	7	20
August	7	7	14
September	14	14	28
October	15	8	23
November	7	9	16
December	17	9	26
Totals	167	121	288

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

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The total number of cases notified during the year was 240

SCARLET FEVER.

27 cases were notified with one death

Scarlet fever is still a comparatively mild disease. Most of the cases were treated at home, only those who could not be isolated at home were admitted to hospital.

DIPHTHERIA

There were 11 cases of diphtheria during the year. There were no deaths.

IMMUNISATION.

The number immunised by the County Council, myself and staff during the year was 953, as follows:-

<u>Under 5</u>	<u>From 5 to 15.</u>	<u>Total</u>
285	668	953

The number immunised in the Bodwellty Area since the commencement of the immunisation campaign = 5966.

ERYSIPELAS.

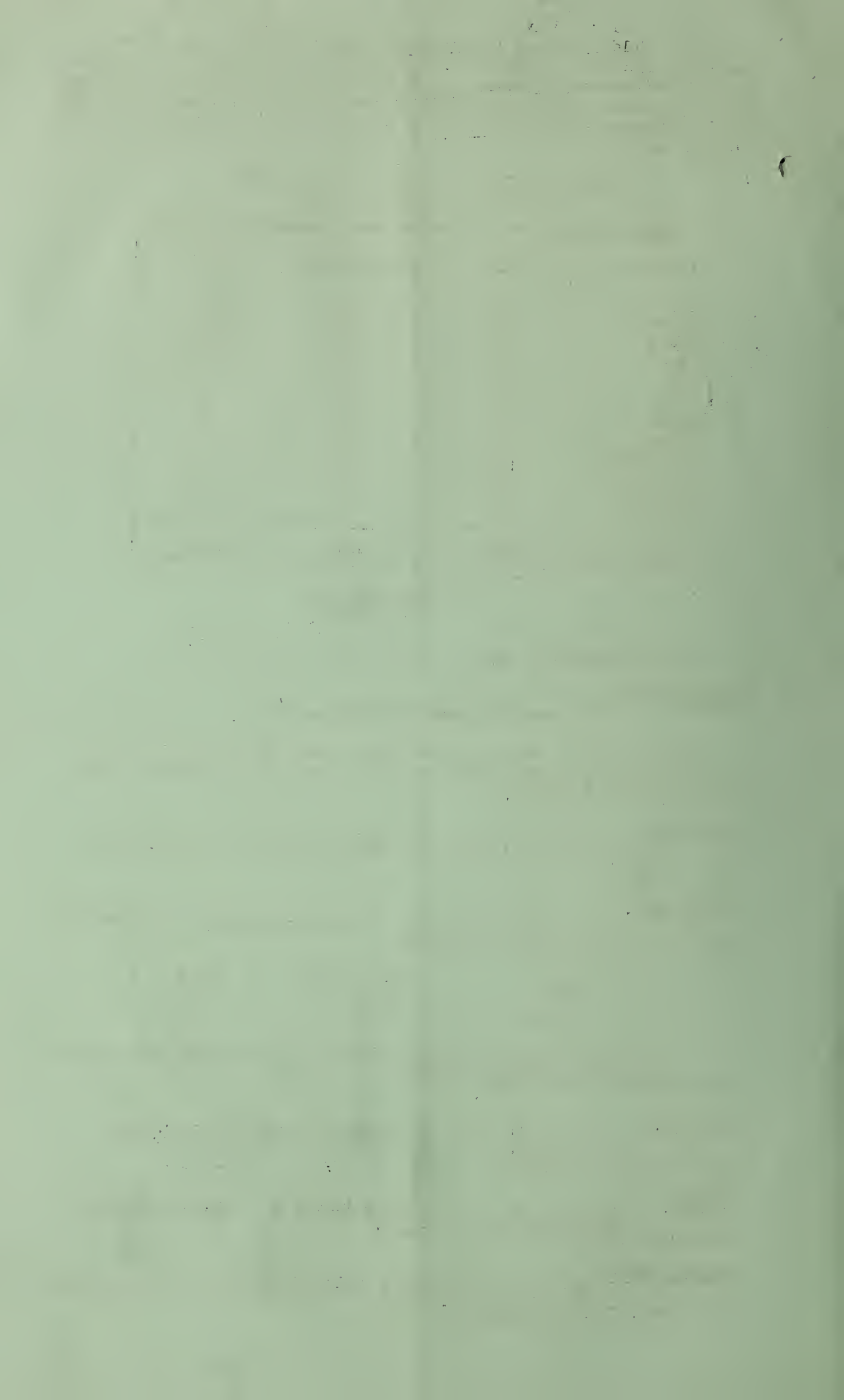
There were 11 cases of erysipelas during the year. They were all treated at home.

MEASLES

There were 52 cases notified during the year, as compared with 645 in 1943. There were no deaths.

WHOOPIING COUGH.

25 cases were notified during the year, as compared with 54 in 1943. There were no deaths.



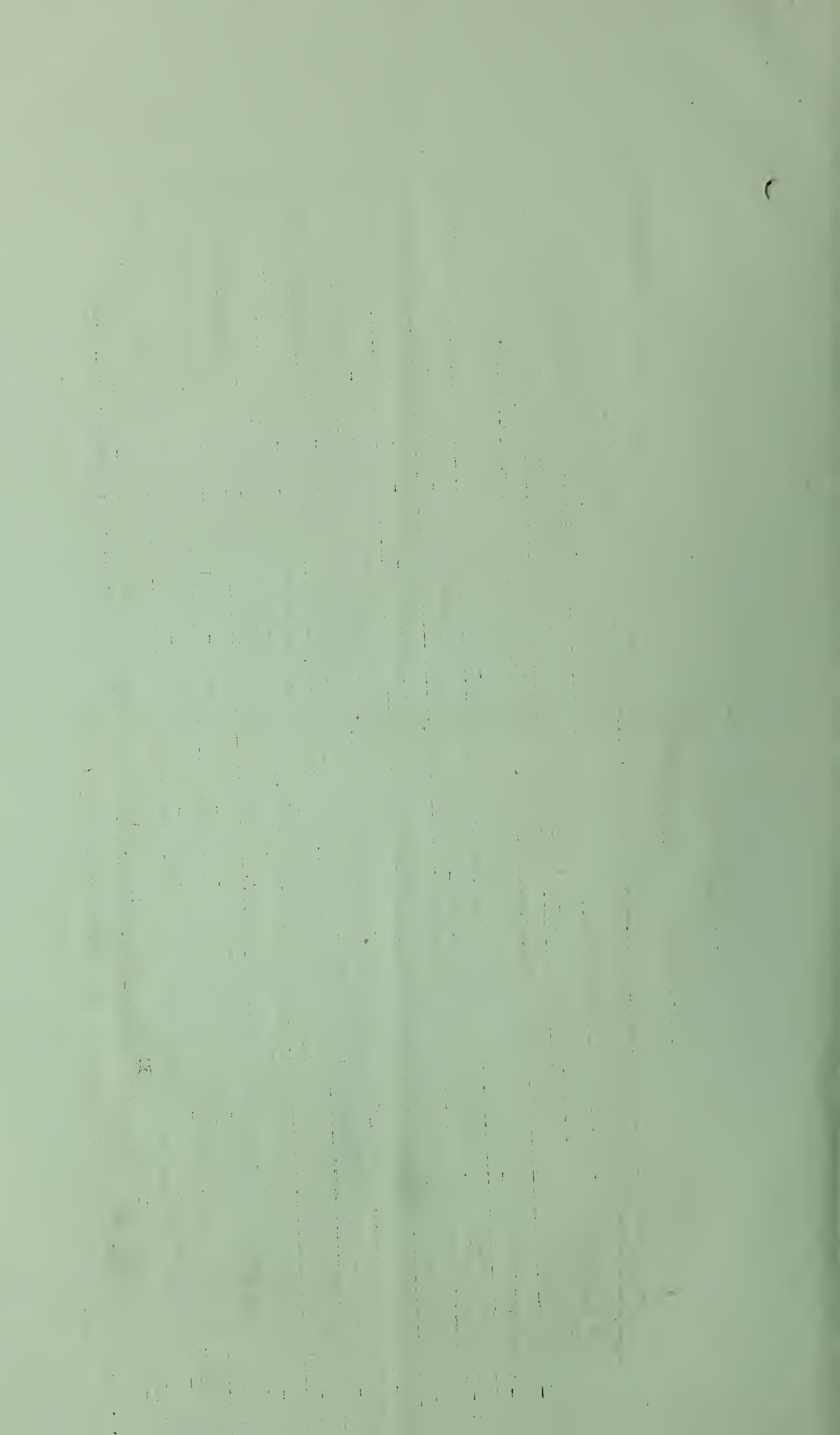
TUBERCULOSIS

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NEW CASES & MORTALITY

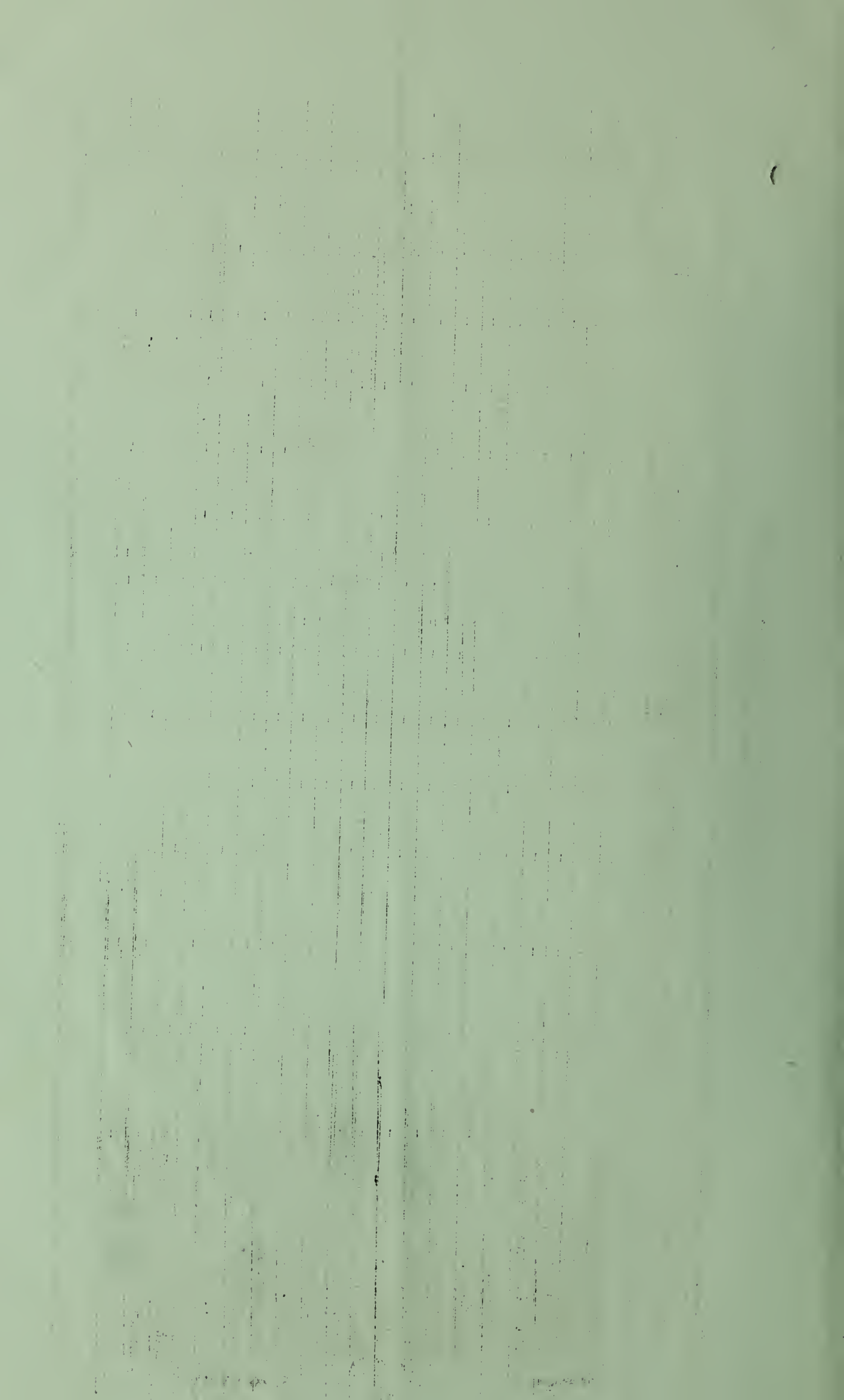
Age period in years.	New Cases			Deaths				
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M	F	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0 - 1 years	-	1	2	1	-	-	-	-
1 - 5	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 - 15	-	1	5	4	-	-	-	-
15 - 25	6	13	-	2	3	4	-	-
25 - 35	4	8	-	1	-	3	-	-
35 - 45	4	3	1	1	3	-	-	-
45 - 55	4	3	1	1	1	1	-	-
55 - 65	3	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
65 & over	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Totals	22	30	9	10	9	8	17	-

N.B. 71 Inspections in respect of these cases under the Public Health (Tuberculosis) Regulations have been made.



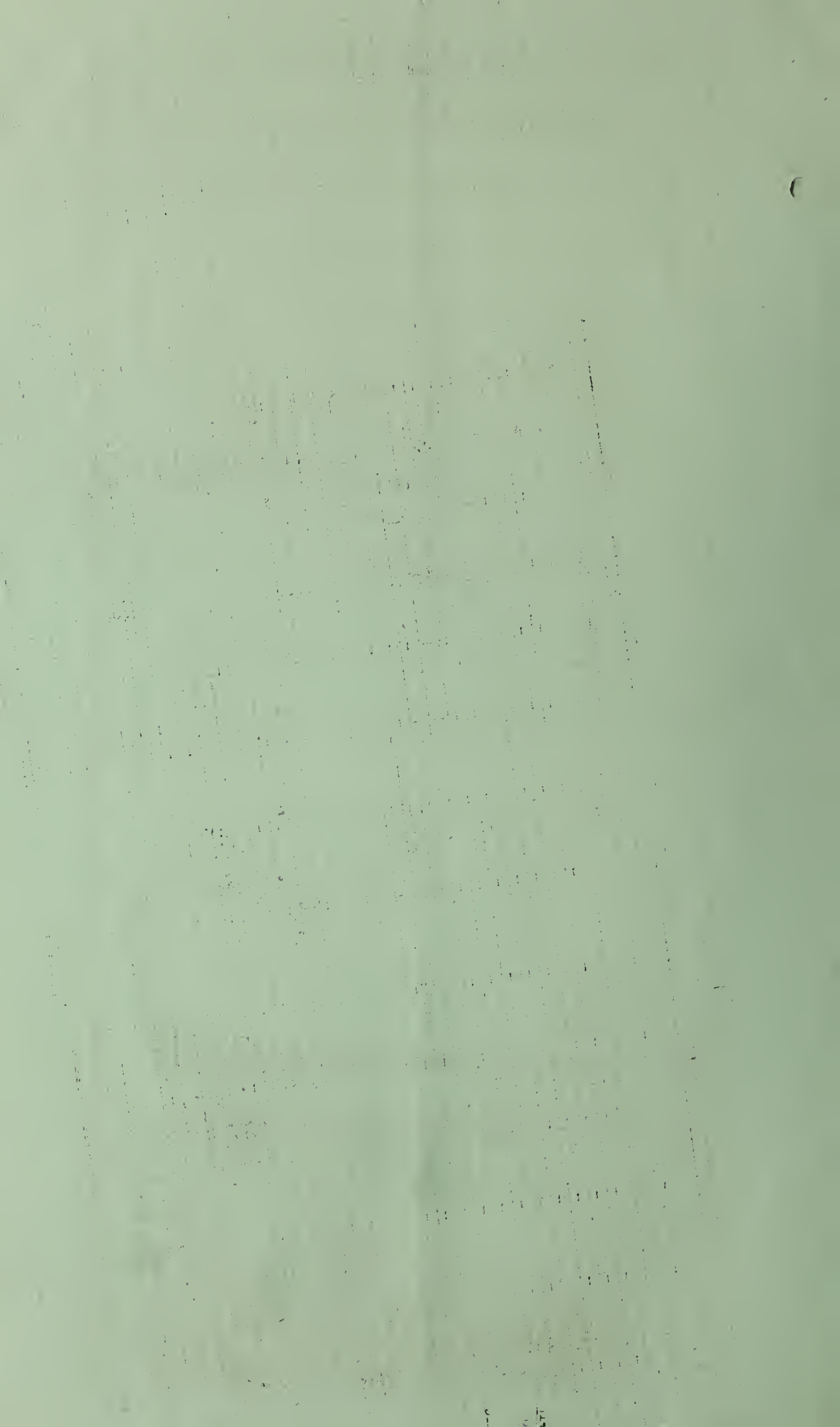
TRANSFERRABLE DEATHS 1944.

Place of death	MONTH OF DEATH												Totals.
	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	
Cardiff Royal Infirmary	2	2	-	1	2	2	-	2	-	4	2	2	19
Ty Bryn Hospital	5	1	1	1	4	4	2	-	5	3	1	3	30
Workmen's Hospital, Tredegar	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Mental Hospital Abergavenny	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
St Mellons Hospital, Cardiff.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Royal Gwent Hospital, Newport	-	3	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	5
Kensington Hosp. St Brides	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
The Hospital, Oakdale	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	2
Sanatorium, Llandyrog	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Royal Infirmary, Bristol	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Gorthwysfa Hosp. Llanfois	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Cottage Hospital, Tredegar	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
St Winifreds Hosp. Cardiff	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	2
The Hospital, Whitchurch	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Hardy Hospital, Merthyr	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Mon. County Hosp., Panteg	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	3
Cefn Mably Hospital	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Latimer Lodge, Cinderford	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
Bryn Road, Maesowmer	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
6, Llandovery Villas, Blaina	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Totals	10	11	4	5	8	7	3	2	7	8	4	9	78



DEATHS 1944
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Cause of Death	All ages	Under 1 year	1-2	2-3	3-4	4-5	5-10	10-15	15-20	20-35	35-45	45-55	55-65	65-75	75 & over
Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
C.S.F.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Influenza	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-
Pul: T.B.	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	8	1	4	1	1	-
Non-Pul: T.B.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Diabetes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cerebral Haem:	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	3	2	3	-
Cancer	25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	3	10	7	4
Syncope	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	3	2
Circ: Diseases	27	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	3	-	2	4	12	5
Heart Diseases	76	2	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	3	7	11	32	18
Pneumonia	23	9	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	2	-	4	2	3	2
Bronchitis	10	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	2
Respir: Diseases	5	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	1	-
Digest: Diseases	7	4	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
T.B. Meningitis	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Senility	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	11
Suicide	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-
Nephritis	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	1	-
Prematurity	9	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Malformation	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Congen: Debility	7	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Violence	17	-	1	1	-	1	3	-	-	2	1	1	3	2	2
Other defined causes	20	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	1	2	4	6	1
Whooping Cough	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	288	42	3	1	1	2	3	3	2	25	9	30	44	76	47



INFANTILE DIARRHOEA

There were 6 deaths from this disease. Fewer women now, are breast feeding their children and the number of cases of enteritis is gradually increasing especially among those artificially fed.

ENTERIC FEVER

There were no cases notified.

OPHTHALMIA NEONATORUM

There were six cases notified as compared with 9 for 1943.

PNEUMONIA

29 cases were notified, with 23 deaths.

Many cases of influenzal and acute primary pneumonia are still not notified, hence one is not able to assess the value of chemotherapy in reducing the mortality from this disease.

TUBERCULOSIS.

71 cases were notified, 52 of which were pulmonary, and 19 non-pulmonary. There were 17 deaths, all of which were pulmonary. The number of cases notified show an increase. In 1942 there were 59 cases and in 1943 there were 69 cases.

The rate of pulmonary to non-pulmonary is still relatively high. A large proportion of the non-pulmonary cases are notified as tuberculosis glands of the neck and occur in the age groups 0 to 15 years.

The increase in pulmonary tuberculosis especially among the young women is a source of anxiety. There is no doubt that the long hours of work in munition factories is the main cause, coupled with the diminished fat ration. Some of the cases among men in the higher age group are complicated with the presence of silicosis.

DISEASES OF THE CIRCULATORY SYSTEM.

Most of the deaths occur in this group viz. 120 of the 288 deaths.

ISOLATION HOSPITAL.

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The number of patients admitted to the Isolation Hospital during the year 1944 was 28 from the Bedwelly Area and 31 from Outside Areas, making a total of 59.

DEATHS AT THE ISOLATION HOSPITAL.

AUTHORITY	CAUSE OF DEATH.			TOTALS
	T.B. MENINGITIS	C.S.F.	ENCEPH. LETHARGICA	
Brynmawr	1	-	-	1
Mynyddislwyn	-	1	-	1
Llanellly	-	-	1	1
Blaenavon	1	-	-	1
Abertillery	1	-	-	1
Blaina	1	-	-	1
Bedwelly	-	-	-	-
Totals	4	1	1	6

OUTSIDE AREA PATIENTS.

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Authority	Diph.	Scarlat. Fever	T.B. Menin.	Rubella	Whoop Cough	Croup	C. S. Enceph. M. Letharg.	Any other Dis.	Total
Abercarn	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	3
Brynnaur	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Bortillery	7	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	3
Brynoddislwyn	4	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	5
Blaenavon	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	3
Pontypool	2	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	5
Blaina	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	2
Rhymney	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Risca	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
Bedwas	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Llanelli	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Totals	18	1	4	1	1	1	2	1	31

TYNEWYDD SICK BAY 1944 - PATIENTS TABLES OF EVACUEES & RESIDENT PATIENTS.

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District	Boys	Girls	Adults		Totals
			Males	Females	
New Tredegar	12	15	-	-	27
Aberbargoed	7	9	-	1	17
Pengam	2	4	-	-	6
Cefn fforest	-	-	-	-	-
Blackwood	-	-	-	1	1
Aargoed	1	4	-	-	5
Markham	3	2	-	-	5
Hollybush	1	2	-	-	3
Totals	26	36	-	2	64

EVACUEE PATIENTS

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Authority	Boys	Girls	Adults		Total
			Males	Females	
Bedwellty	13	10	-	1	24
Risca	4	7	-	1	12
Tredegar	7	9	-	-	16
Blaenavon	1	-	-	-	1
Caerleon	-	1	-	-	1
Rogerstone	4	1	-	-	5
Rhymney	-	1	-	-	1
Abercarn	1	-	-	-	1
Totals	30	29	-	2	61



BEDWELLTY ISOLATION HOSPITAL.

Patients in Hospital 31.12.44.	Age groups					T O T A L
	0 - 5	5 - 15	15 - 25	25 - 35	35 - 45	
Scarl. Fever	-	1	-	-	-	1
Diphtheria	2	-	-	-	-	2
C.S.M	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	2	1	-	-	-	3

Patients and deaths for the last six years.

Year	Patients	Deaths
1939	270	35
1940	331	31
1941	229	3
1942	134	4
1943	110	9
1944	59	6

BEDWELLTY AREA PATIENTS.

Ward	Diph.	Scarlet Fever	Rubella	T.B. Meningitis	Any other diseases	Total
New Tredegar	2	4	1	1	1	9
Aberbargoed	4	3	-	-	2	9
Pengam	1	2	-	-	-	3
Cefn fforest	-	-	-	-	1	1
Blackwood	1	1	-	-	1	3
Argoed	-	-	-	-	-	-
Markham	1	-	-	-	-	1
Hollybush	2	-	-	-	-	2
Total	11	10	1	1	5	23

PUBLIC AMBULANCE.

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The number of patient journeys made during the year ending 31st December 1944, which includes removals to hospital, discharges from hospital, street accidents, and transfers from house to house, was 802.

This was a decrease of 48 compared with the number of patient journeys for the year ending 31st December 1943 which was 850.

The list of hospitals served varied, as the following list shows:-

<u>Name of Hospital.</u>	<u>No. Patient Journeys.</u>
Cardiff Royal Infirmary	239
Royal Gwent Hospital, Newport	139
Ty Bryn Hospital, Tredegar	168
Workmens Hospital, Tredegar	26
Maternity Home, Tredegar	22
Llanfrechfa Grange Maternity	21
Mon. County Hospitals	25
Prince of Wales Hospital, Cardiff	5
Oakdale Workmen's Hospital	22
P.D. Workmen's Hospital, Aberbargoed	10
Lydia Beynon Maternity Home	7
County Clinio, Newport	5
Mineral Hospital, Bath	2
St Winifreds Hospital, Cardiff	5
Ty Mddgr Hostel, Nantyglo	1
Ponylan Nursing Home, Cardiff	1
Miners Hospital, Caerphilly	3
The Hospital, Whitchurch	21
The City Lodge, Cardiff	4
The Hostel, Pontllanfraith	1
Tynewydd Sick Bay, Argoed	16
Llandough Hospital	2
St Mollons Hospital, Cardiff	6
The Royal Infirmary, Bristol	1
Connaught Nursing Home, Cardiff	2
Glan Ely Hospital	1
The Hospital, Porth	2
St Monica's Hospital, Bristol	1
Maternity Home, Glossop Terr., Cardiff	2
T.B. Clinic, Llanarth Rd, Pontllanfraith	1
The Mental Hospital, Abergavenny	1
Abertwyssg Hospital, Abertwyssg	1
The Seaman's Hospital, Cardiff	1
The Hospital, Mountain Ash	1
Miners Rest, Porthcawl	1
Bodwellty Isolation Hospital	1
Redwood Hospital, Cardiff	1
Transfer of patients from street to house and from house to house	34

Total = 802.

ISOLATION HOSPITAL.

The Isolation Hospital was able to cope with all the demands made upon its accomodation during the year.

TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES NOTIFIED DURING 1944.

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NOTIFIABLE DISEASE	CASES NOTIFIED IN EACH DISTRICT										QUARTERS			
	TOTALS	Billingsworth	New Tredgar	Arbargoed	Pengam	Cefn Forest	Blackwood	Argoed	Marham	Hollybush.	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
Diphtheria	11	1	1	4	1	-	1	-	1	2	6	2	1	2
Scarlet Fever	27	8	4	11	2	-	2	-	-	-	6	6	5	10
Pneumonia	29	2	6	3	7	5	5	1	-	-	16	6	2	5
Non-Ful. T.B.	19	-	4	1	-	6	5	2	1	-	7	2	6	4
Ful. T.B.	52	1	8	7	14	5	10	2	2	3	12	12	12	15
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	6	1	2	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	4	2	4	1
Intermittent Fever Pyrexia	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Erysipelas	11	-	4	5	2	-	-	-	-	-	4	2	4	1
Whooping Cough	25	2	8	5	1	2	7	-	-	-	10	8	5	2
Measles	52	-	1	3	6	22	20	-	-	-	9	40	3	-
T.B. Meningitis	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Any other Diseases	6	-	2	2	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	4	2	-
Totals	240	15	41	43	33	42	52	5	4	5	73	84	42	41

HOSPITALS PROVIDED OR SUBSIDISED
BY LOCAL AUTHORITIES

Infectious Diseases

The Council's Isolation Hospital at Coedymoeth Common, Markham consists of four wards and has accomodation for 36 beds.

General

The only surgical hospital in the area is provided by the Powell Puffryn Company and is confined practically to workmen and their depedents for surgical treatment and physiotherapy.

Maternity

There are no places for the reception of maternity cases. Poor Law cases are admitted to the Public Assistance Institution, Ty Bryn Hospital, Tredegar and expectant mothers to Llanfrechfa Grange and Lydia Beynon Maternity Homes.

Tuberculosis

The King Edward VII Welsh National Memorial Association maintains various sanatoria to which cases of tuberculosis from the district, are sent.

Small Pox

The County Council makes provision for cases of small pox.

Childrens Hospitals

There are no local children's hospitals.

Sick Bay for Skin Diseases

The Sick Bay has been in use throughout the year. The accomodation is for 24 patients. The staff consists of one Sister in Charge , two nurses and two maids.

MIDWIVES.

There are twelve midwives practising in the area. They are controlled by the County Council. There are district nurses to each ward, fully qualified, and carry out home nursing in an effecient manner.

AMBULANCE FACILITIES.

For Infectious Diseases.

The Council's "Austin" Motor Ambulance provides transport for infectious diseases to and from the Isolation Hospital, for Bedwellty, Abertillery, Abercarn, Blaenavon, Crickhowell, Pontypool and Llynnyddislwyn Areas.

Number of trips 145

For Non-Infectious Diseases: Accidents & Maternity Cases.

The Council's two "Austin" Motor Ambulances are used for the above purposes, one being used as a second emergency ambulance.

Number of cases conveyed during the year 802 compared with 850 during 1943.

For Colliery Accidents.

The colliery companies in the area provide ambulances for cases of injury to men at the collieries to carry them home or to the hospital.

LABORATORY FACILITIES.

All pathological and bacteriological specimens were examined at the County Council's Laboratory by the County Pathologist (Dr Gwyn Rocyn Jones) free of charge.

PUBLIC MORTUARY AND MORTUARY ROOM.

The Council's Post Mortem Room and Mortuary was in use during the year. 15 Autopsies were performed during the year. These premises are under the supervision of the Chief Sanitary Inspector.

Water Supply.

The Water Supply in the Area is of good quality. Samples have been taken regularly and examination shows it to be pure and free from pathological organisms.

Public Health & Scavenging.

As stated in previous reports, this work is done by direct labour under the supervision of the Engineer and Surveyor (Mr Dan. H. Price)

Drainage & Sewerage.

No change to my previous reports.

Closet Accomodation.

No change to my previous reports.

Camping Sites.

There are no camping sites in the area.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOODSTUFFS.

Milk Supply

All dairies, milk shops and cowsheds in the area were inspected during the year. Samples of milk were taken and submitted for bacteriological examination and detection of tubercle bacilli.

Meat & Food Inspection.

The inspection of meat and other foods in Grocers and Provision Dealers premises was carried out by the Inspectors during the year.

In conclusion I wish to express my gratitude to the Chairman and Members of the Council, County Medical Officer of Health (Dr Rocyn Jones), and his staff, the Chief Sanitary Inspector (Mr Dan. Powell), the Matron (Miss A.M. Valder), and her staff at the Isolation Hospital, Sister James and her staff at the Tynorwydd Sick Bay, and all the officials who gave valuable help during a very difficult year.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,

S.R. MACMILLAN.

Medical Officer of Health.

CHIEF SANITARY INSPECTORS REPORT.

The Public Health Department,

Municipal Offices,

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TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE
BEDWELLTY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Councillor Mrs Robson and Gentlemen,

I have much pleasure in submitting my annual report on the work done in the department for the year ending December 31st, 1944.

NOTICES SERVED

Intimation notices	150
Abatement notices	47
Water notices	10
Cleansing notices	9

Totals = 206

HOUSING ACT, 1936

The number of dwelling houses inspected and recorded under the above Act were 290.

During the inspections five cases of overcrowding were discovered.

Housing Act, 1936 - Section 62(1)

Three notices were served on owners of houses for not having in the rent books, a summary of the main provisions of the Act, and a statement of the permitted number of persons allowed to occupy the dwelling house.

Tuberculosis.

There were 71 cases of tuberculosis notified during the year and an inspection was made in each case.

Overcrowding.

Five notices were served on occupiers of dwelling houses to abate overcrowding.

Council Houses.

Number of houses inspected for repairs	65
Prospective tenants visited and reports submitted to the Accountant	10
Empty houses inspected	11
Empty houses disinfected for bed bugs	0.

Infectious Diseases.

Number of cases of infectious diseases notified	255
Number of patients removed to Isolation Hospital	28
Number of houses disinfected after infectious diseases ..	77



ISOLATION HOSPITAL.

The Isolation Hospital at Coedymoeth Common was in constant use throughout the year with patients from the Bedwellty Area, also patients from adjoining Authorities.

Number of patients from the Bedwellty Area	28
Number of patients from other Authorities	31

Total = 59

Common Lodging Houses.

There is only one Common Lodging House, used as such in the Area.

This is known as "Bowen's Working Mens Home", High Street, Blackwood. Regular inspections have been made and reports satisfactory.

FACTORY ACT, 1937

Inspections for the purpose of provisions as to health.

	Inspections.
Factories with mechanical power	20
" without " "	33

Total = 53

MILK AND DAIRIES (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1922

MILK & DAIRIES ORDER, 1926.

Number of cowsheds on register	50
Number of retail purveyors on register	53
Inspections of cowsheds	72
Inspections of milkshops	45
Notices to limewash	7
Notices complied with	7.

Milk Samples.

Six samples of milk were taken during the year for bacteriological examination and for the detection of tuberculosis.

Disinfection of Blankets & Bedding etc.

The following list shows the amount of bedding etc. disinfected at the Isolation Hospital from Outside Authorities:-

	<u>Blankets</u>	<u>Mattresses</u>	<u>Pillows</u>	<u>Towels.</u>
Monmouthshire County Council	1722	220	199	-
Risca Urban District Council	327	98	59	1
Mynyddislwyn District Council	8	3	4	-
Totals =	2057	321	262	1

Water Supplies

Inspections were made of houses in various parts of the Area which were without sufficient water supply. Notices were served on the owners to provide an adequate supply.

RATS AND PIGE DESTRUCTION ACT, 1919.

In October the Council appointed Mr S. Parker, Rodent Officer. Under my supervision, Mr Parker and a staff of part time workmen have baited all the sewers in the area. All Council property have also been baited and advice given to owners of private property and occupiers of houses.

Cinemas.

All cinemas in the area were inspected during the year. No complaints. Thanks are due to the Police for their close co-operation with the department in the supervision of these places.

PUBLIC HEALTH(MEAT)REGULATIONS 1926-33.

Total number of notices received of intended slaughter.

(a) For regular slaughterNone

The meat for this area is slaughtered at:-

Maesycwmmmer Slaughterhouse.

Tredegar Slaughterhouse.

(b) From cottagers and farmers 270

The Food Executive Officer (W.D.R. Lewis, Esq.) granted licences to farmers and cottagers exempting them from the provisions of the Live Stock (Registration of Slaughtering) Order. All applications were countersigned by me.

Inspection of Meat & Food.

The following articles of food were condemned unfit for human consumption. All foods capable of being salvaged and re-used were returned to the sender on the instruction of the Ministry of Food.

Liver	65 lbs.	Tea	220 lbs.
Cheese	101 lbs.	Eggs	200
Dates	56 lbs.	Cooked Meat	27 lbs.
Raisins	56 lbs.	Cocoa	62 Hts.
Custard Powder	19½lbs.	Dried Egg	27 lbs.
Luncheon Meat	170 lbs.	Flour	40 lbs.
Brisket Beef	14 lbs.	Cooked Ham	46½lbs.
Potatoes	10 cwts.	Sausage Meat	66 lbs.
Celery	3½ Tons.	Butter	143 lbs.
Pickles	66 Bottles	Bacon & Ham	423½lbs.
Dried Milk	27 lbs.	Other Foods	1241 Tins.
Salad Cream	23 Packets.		

Approximate Weight 5 Tons 9 cwts 3 quarters & 10 lbs.

Public Mortuary & Post Mortem Room.

Number of autopsies conducted during the year 15

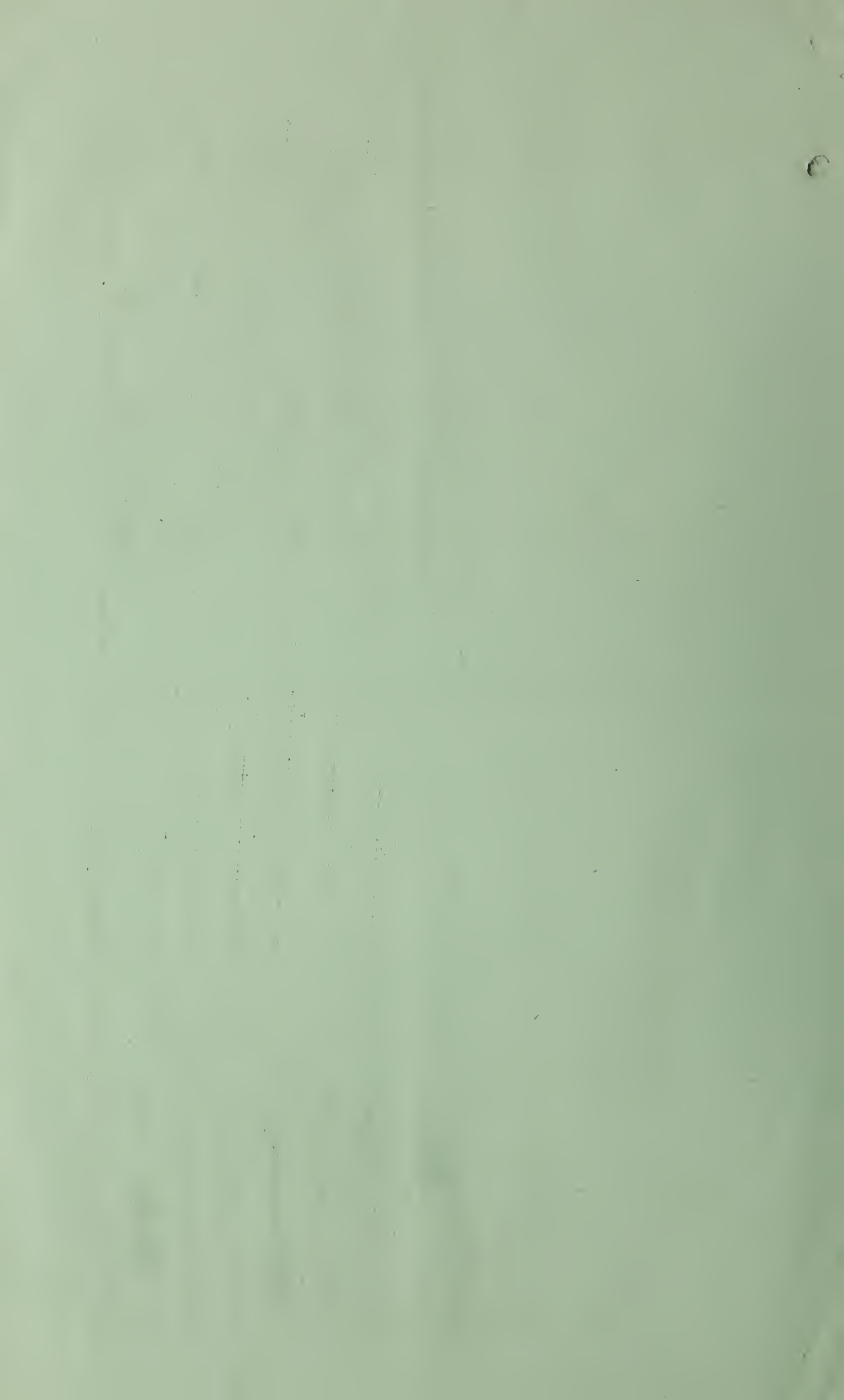
BILLETING.

Evacuees and their problems are still with us, but thanks are due to the help and co-operation of the Chairman of the Council's Evacuation Committee (Councillor Idris Davies), Local Billoting Officers, Members of the Evacuation Committee, Officials of the Welsh Board of Health, the Staff of the Department, and Houscholders in the area.



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Dist.	Lock-up Shows	Up Time Hours to Show	Large Screens	Small Screens	Total Screens	Over 100 Persons	Under 100 Persons	Totals
New Bedford	32	8	-	111	26	74	100	
Aberargoed	32	8	-	64	39	5	42	
Penger	27	4	-	38	13	21	34	
Cefn Iforest	15	15	1	31	11	2	13	
Blackwood	106	17	6	139	198	203	401	
Argoed	7	4	4	15	5	6	11	
Markham	8	-	1	9	8	13	21	
Hollybush	2	2	-	4	2	3	5	
Mannoel	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	
Totals	261	105	14	390	302	321	633	



Tynewydd Sick Bay. (Scabies & Impetigo)

There has been no change in the number of staff during the year. They were kept very busy throughout the year with evacuees and local patients. Below is a list of patients treated under the supervision of Dr. S.R. Macmillan, Medical Officer of Health during the year 1944.

EVACUEE PATIENTS.

Authority	Boys	Girls	Adults	Total.
Bedwellty	13	10	1	24
Risca	4	7	1	12
Tredeggar	7	9	-	16
Blaenavon	1	-	-	1
Caerleon	-	1	-	1
Rogerstone	4	1	-	5
Rhymney	-	1	-	1
Abercarn	1	-	-	1
Total	30	29	2	61
Local Patients	26	36	2	64
Grand Total	56	65	4	125

All bedding, clothing et. was steam disinfected at the Isolation Hospital.

FOOD SHOPS.

The number of food shops dealing in rationed food is shewn in the following table.

District	Grocers Bakers	Butchers	Green Grocers	Fish Friers	Catering Establissements.	Total.	
New Tredegar	34	6	5	13	6	2	66
Aberbargoed	18	3	3	3	3	1	31
Pengam	9	2	0	0	0	0	11
Fleur-de-lis	14	1	2	3	2	1	23
Cefn fforest	14	1	2	3	2	1	23
Blackwood	32	5	8	5	5	7	62
Argoed	5	2	1	1	0	0	9
Markham	5	0	2	0	1	1	9
Hollybush	3	0	1	1	0	0	5
Manmoel	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Totals	135	20	24	29	19	13	240

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

DAN POWELL.

Chief Sanitary Inspector.

